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ASSASSINATION OF THE KING OF GREECE.

victims to the bullet or dagger of an anarchist.

There was a time when assassination was limited to the Nihllists of Russis, but of late years the rulers of all countries have been targets for the atsassin's deadly weapon,

England and Germany have been freer from the acts of the regicides than any European country, with the exception of Holland and Scandanavia. Our own republic, where every man is a sovereign, has presented a most shocking record of assassinations, beginning with the killing of Abraham Lincoln by Booth Three president have been slain, and only a few months ago former President Roosevelt narrowly escaped death in the same manner.

The average citizen, with this record before him, should find some comfort in being neither president nor

SHALL THE REPUBLICANS END THEIR QUARRELS

Munsey in his newspapers is advocating a reuniting of the Republican forces under a new party. He points out that on many important lasues there is an irreconcilable difference between Republicans and Democrats, as Progressives and Republicans, b. Wilson, saying party as heretofore constituted is pro with him for the fray. party as heretofore constituted is progressive. He would depose the leading ers who stole the Chicago convention and have been responsible for the mons for headship of the finance mons for headship of the finance pany, the recent purchasers of the Riverdale nower plant. to give battle to the Democrats on was regarded as likely to be disloyal canal, it is said by officers of the to the tariff pledges of the party; company, that not only will the big is no difference of opinion among Reness in hand. publicans.

party correct its abuses, such as dis-proportionate representation in the made excellent headway until Mr. proportionate representation in the south and national committee supremark and then invite the Progressives won only victories until it was to return.

than that of Senator Cummins. No whole, not to press such opposition. party, with a scheming, corrupt leadless drastic method than the depos- pieces ing of those leaders. Changing southern representation or lessening the power of the national committee would not prevent Root, Knox, Penmen of their stamp dictating the plat- them. forms and the nominees, or so shap-elected, the Taft administration en-ling legislation after each Republican tered upon its career of troubles cities while denying to the people their petitions of redress.

The Progressives at present have ministration pledged to progress combut one course to pursue and that is promised with Cannon to continue their propaganda for better government, while perfecting their organization in city, state and nation. When the old-line Republicans have progressed sufficiently in their refor-

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nations as to disclose an earnest desire to become more representative of the common people, there will be am-INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER, ple time to seriopsly consider their insisted upon an American escort and overtures for a rounited party.

UTAH A GOOD STATE, BUT LITTLE BOOMED.

limate and prosperity, that an occasional closer view of the state and of Felix Diaz its resources, from one who must be and approval of the American am-shown, is appreciated. A Salt Laker bassador, Huerta never would have its resources, from one who must be just back from the Golden state says turned trailor, and that Madero never he is content to remain in Utah, after having traveled over the coast, though be admits that he heard noth- recommendation that the United ing but songs of praise of California States recognize the new government while he was away. But he makes was precipitate and undignified. this observation:

time one enters California until he Mexicans against Americans leaves he hears nothing but songs fornia offers not one-twentieth the sination of Madero. The assassination of the king of inducement to settlers and to capital Greece adds one more name to the that Utah does. We have bounteous administration should recall him long list of rulers who have failen treasures in our hills and fertile fields in our valleys. We excel California in buking those who plotted the assassieverything but boosting. All we need nations. to do is to tell the truth, and even that might prove too flattering.

"In most California towns business appeared duil in spite of the fact that they have shown a marvelous growth in the past two or three years. However, business blocks were empty and the rent signs were numerous. The weather was miserable in San Francisco, which perhaps accounted for part of the business quietude. Los Angeles was livelier than San Francisco, but there was room for improvement. San Diego scems destined to have a great harbor when the Panama canal is completed. It is a beautiful city, but at present the canal will be turned on Inche business."

While Californians were freezing in April 15 lightful, baimy winters."

As the Salt Lake traveler states, the

TAFT'S BLUNDER MAY BE REPEATED.

but, though the Republicans are now allel in the contests waged against dale power plant to a depth of about divided into hostile camps, known Cannon by Taft and against Simmons four feet.

that the great body of the Republican forces; that the great body of the Republican The Progressives lined up cut through the farm district between

Likewise, today, Simmons is re-way
Senator Cummins of Iowa is advogarded as likely to be disloyal to the canal

discovered that Mr. Wilson had lost The Munsey plan is more plausible interest in it; thought it best, on the

It looks today as if Mr Simmons would be chairman of finance ership can hope to be purified by any opposition to him is crumbling to

elected speaker. rose, Barnes, Ballinger, Lorimer and that the administration was not with commission.

Four years ago, Cannon being duly victory as to extend special privilege which at length led to collapse and cities, probably will be held Thursday repudiation

CALL AMBASSADOR WILSON

ate Ambassador Wilson from any wrongs committed during the period that cuts must be made somewhere of assassination in the City of Mexof restoring Porfirio Diaz to the pres. bill idency. Diaz was known to favor the state institutions. smelter trust and other large American interests in Mexico, and this in-priations bill. I went over it carefluence is supposed to have been back fully today and tomorrow morning will so over it again and reach a deof the ambassador in his opposition to Madero

the records in the state department at Washington, are as follows:

whole influence of the American gov- officials of Logan and Provo have al-

That he gave encouragement and indirect aid to the traitorous Mexi-can generals so openly as to consti-tute the most pernicious form of diplomatic meddling.

That he used other foreign diplomats as his facile instruments in attempting to coerce Madero to re-

That he either possessed advance information of the plot of Huerta and Blanquet to turn traitors to Madero, or displayed amazing prescience in his official dispatches predicting Madero's downfall the night before it occurred.

of comfort and rendered such sweet music, and for the many beautiful floral offerings. May they in their hour of sorrow meet with so many kind friends.

J. P. PETERSON AND FAMILY.

That Huerta was in frequent con-ference with the American ambassa-dor before the palace coup d'etat. That news of the success of the blow was conveyed by the ambassa- ment to swell a small head.

dor's messenger to Felix Diaz, with the suggestion that Huerta and Diaz should come to terms

That Diaz, distrustful of Huerta, his trip to confer with Huerta in the

That Ambassador Wilson, brusque arrogant and unsympathetic with the We hear so much of California, its Mexicans, was for months openly hostile to Madero and an avowed partisan

That without the would have been defeated without outside interference

That Ambassador Wilson's prompt That his haste to seal with his ap-

proval the weird official explanations "The biggest asset of California is of the execution of the Maderos and the 'hot air' of her sons. From the Pino Suarez has further prejudiced A Washington dispatch is to the ef-

of praise for California. We hear of fect that officers of the army have her nuts and her oranges at all held the opinion that Ambassador times. But with all the boosting Cal- Wilson was responsible for the assas-With Wilson's record so clouded, the

That would be one method of re-

REPAIR WORK ON THE BIG CANAL

This morning the Lynch-Cannon Engineering company of Salt Lake began repair work on the Davis & Weber Counties canal at the head of the penstock of the Riverdale power plant, and it is said that water from turbine wheels of the power plant

The concrete canal was washed carly January, the boosters were away a short time ago for a distance sending out literature on the "de- of about 170 feet, the overflow of water having been caused by an accummation of slush ice at the head of the penstocks. A large flow of water coast towns are overbuilt, all lines had been turned into the canal for the of business overdone, and Utah pre- purpose of testing the power plant sents more and better business op- machinery when a sudden freezing followed by a thaw caused an ice blockade in the channel and threw nine miles of water, six feet deep and rying with it the concrete structure.

The water rushed out in a verita The Washington Star draws a par- ble towent and surrounded the River Entrenches to the plant were barricaded against the water to there is no serious conflict in the immediately after he was elected with difficulty that the water was frank and file of the Republican forces: in 1908, Mr. Taft set on foot a war-turned away from the great wheels Riverdale power plant

and tariff revision was the first busi- water channel be re-concreted and re-enforced with steel, but a spillre- way be constructed to protect the The spillway will cating a somewhat similar reunion, but he would have the Republican

Fursue this parallel farther. Four it can be turned into the tailrace

PAVING MEASURE

Governor William Spry signed none of the bills before him yesterday. He Four years ago today it was looking passed the morning going over the as if Mr. Cannon would be safely re. general appropriations bill with Senator W. N. Williams and Represen-In each case, the real Progressives tative Enos Bennion, and the afterlost enthusiasm when they discovered noon at the meeting of the capitol

The governor announced public hearing on the intersection paving bill, asked for by the Commercial club and commercial bodies of other I can arrange it, I will hold The first step in that long series hearings on that day, also on the coal of disasters was taken when an ad- weighing and irrigation bills," said the governor. There has been a de-mand for a hearing on these meas-I shall be in a better position to reach a determination about these

hearings tomorrow. "I spent all morning going over the There is a campaign on to exoner-appropriations bill to see where it in excess of prospective state revenue

the Madero administration. There propriations for buildings. In view of is a hint conveyed that our ambassa-haps shall be obliged to invoke this dor has been friendly to the old Diaz privilege in some instances. I hope regime and had labored in the hope that it will be possible to shave the of restoring Porfirio Diaz to the pres- bill without hampering any of the

"I have not decided just where all will go over it again and reach a de-

ciston When the hearing on the intersec The New York World publishes spe-cific charges, which, corroborated by have a formidable delegation on hand to impress the state's executive with the need of the measure. The Weber That Ambassador Wilson threw the club of Ogden will be represented and ernment into the balance against Ma- ready sent in telegrams asking the governor to sign it.

J. P. PETERSON AND FAMILY No great length of time is required to give a young doctor a wise look.

It doesn't take a very big compli-

Summary of the American Telephone and Telegraph Co.'s Annual Report

The report just issued by the American Telephone and Telegraph Company for the year ending December 31, 1912, shows that the telephone has become in the United States, to a greater extent than anywhere else in the world, a household necessity. There are now 70,000 towns, cities and hamlets from which telephone messages may be sent. This is 5,000 more than the number of postoffices in the United States; 10,000 more than the number of railroad stations and nearly three times the number of regular telegraph offices. There are altogether 7,456,074 telephone stations in the Bell System, which is an increase over last year of 823,-449 stations. This compares with an increase during the previous year of 749,906 stations.

Including the traffic over the long-distance lines, but not including the connecting companies, the daily average of toll connections in 1912 was about 738,000, and of exchange connections about 25,572,000. This compares with 645,000 and 23,484,000 in 1911. Speaking broadly this means that the daily average of telephone conversations last year reached 26,310,000, or at the rate of about 8,472,000,000 for the year, as against 24,,129,000 in 1911 when the rate was 7,770,000,000 a year.

Theodore N. Vail, president of the company, gives some highly interesting statistics comparing the telephone traffic in the United States and Europe with the United States and Europe with the operations of the mail and telegraph services. Taking the last available figures-those for the year 1911-the records may be thus summarized

Number Per Cent United States. Number Per Cent Type of Message, of Total During of Total 1911 Europe. 1911. First-class mail matter16,500,000,000 9,700,000,000 270,000,000 Telegrams 108,000,000 Phone conversations 6,000,000,000 26.2 14,400,000,000 Total22,879,000,000 100.0 24,208,000,000

These figures show that while Europe has three and a half times the telegraph traffic of the United States and nearly twice the first class mail traffic, it has only twofifths of the telephone traffic, owing to the greater efficiency and distribution of the telephone in this country.

The Bell System showed a gross revenue-not including that of the connected independent lines-of \$199,200,000. This was a gain of \$20,000,000 over the previous year. A very careful appraisal conducted by the engineers of the physical property of the Bell System as of August 1st, last, showed that while the book cost was \$736,000,000, the cost of reproduction at that date would have been \$797,000,000. In other words, the company was carrying the property on its books at \$61,000,000 below its actual physical value at the time of its appraisal. In this appraisal there were included no intangible assets whatever, such as good will, patents, franchises, cost of developing the business, etc. For the year there was an increase in assets of \$92,300,000, of which \$75,600,000 represented current additions to the plant, including the necessary real estate. During the five year period between 1907 and 1912 the assets of the Bell Companies have increased \$311,000,000 while the capital obligations and payables outstanding have increased only a little over \$199,000,000. The surplus and reserve have inereased from \$61,300,000 to \$164,200,000 or nearly \$103,-000,000 even after setting aside \$8,845,000 for the Benefit Fund recently created for the employees.

The American Telephone and Telegraph Company itself shows total earnings of \$42,717,992.75, and a balance of \$6,047,357.64 after payment of interest and the regular dividends of 8 per cent. per annum. At the close of the year its outstanding capital stock was \$334,805,700, and bonds \$105,002,000. For the capital stock outstanding there has been paid into the company's treasury \$356,732,218, or nearly \$22,000,000 more than the par value of the stock.

Scarcely any corporation in the United States has its capital stock more widely distributed than the American Telephone and Telegraph Company. A majority of the shares are held by women and less than 7 per cent, is held in the name of brokerage houses. The average number of shares held by each stockholder at the close of 1912 was shown to be 66.

The number of shareholders on the books of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company at the close of the last year was 50,297, which indicates an increase for the year of 2,956. The following extremely interesting table shows just how the stock of the company is distributed and the number of shares held by both large and small holders: 43,553 held less than 100 shares each;

6,354 held from 100 to 1,000 shares each;

356 held from 1,000 to 5,000 shares each;

19 held-5,000 shares or more each (omitting brokers and holders in investment trusts, etc.).

Of the holders of less than 100 shares each, 9.450 field 5 shares or less each; 31,953 held 25 shares or less each.

The report tells of the new plan announced January 1st. last, for Employees' Pensions, Disability Benefits and Insurance adopted by the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, by its associated companies, by the Western Union Telegraph Company and by the Western Electric Company. For the purpose of inaugurating these benefits the American Telephone and Telegraph Company made an initial appropriation of \$2,000,000. There are about 200,-000 employees-men and women-in the service of the companies concerned who will be directly or indirectly affected by this provision. The plan has been elaborately worked out and will, it is believed, result in the increased happiness and betterment of employees,

The company has worked hard to secure the longplanned ocean to ocean service. On this point President Vail says

Experience with the engineering devices and methods employed in the New York-Denver Line having demonstrated their value under severe practical conditions, a systematic introduction of these improvements was undertaken and actively prosecuted throughout the United States, so that at the end of 1912 there was a total of 54,750 miles of the heaviest-gauge wires equipped with the new arrangement, thus doubling their transmission efficiency, and in addition to this there were obtained, without any expenditure for new wires, phantom circuits equivalent to 12,600 miles of the heaviest gauge circuit. These improvements have brought into communication with each other places formerly too remote, and between a great number of places less remote, noteworthy improvements in the service have been reported.

"Engineering plans have been completed for the extension of four heavy copper wires from Denver to San Francisco and construction work is to commence as soon as the

weather permits.

In thirty-three different states there are public service and other state commissions which supervise the telephone service. This supervision is entirely distinct from the supervision of the Interstate Commerce Commission. The report contains the interesting letter addressed by Attorney-General Wickersham to the Chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commission at Washington touching the activities of the company and also the order made by the Interstate Commerce Commission as of January 13th, last, directing that a thorough investigation be made "concerning the history, the financial operations, the rates, rules, regulations and practices of telephone and telegraph companies subject to the Act to Regulate Commerce, with a view to the making of a comprehensive report and to the issuance of such order, or orders, as may be necessary to correct such discriminations and make applicable reasonable rates and practices." The policy of the company, as in the past, will be to co-operate with the examiners conducting this investigation and to aid public officials in every possible way in their effort to ascertain the real facts respecting the telephone service of the United States.

President Vail says in conclusion:

'As to the future of the company, it was never brighter. Business indications are normal, our relations with the publie and with the public authorities on a mutually satisfac-

"The organization on the lines set forth in previous reports is about complete, and the division of the work is so clearly drawn and so closely correlated between the local administration of the associated companies and the central general administration of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company that there is no duplication of effort or conflict in administration." (Advt.)

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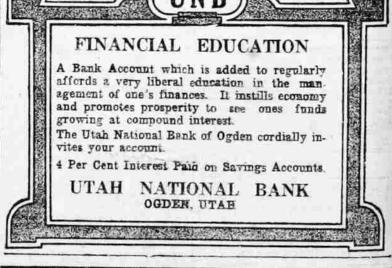
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